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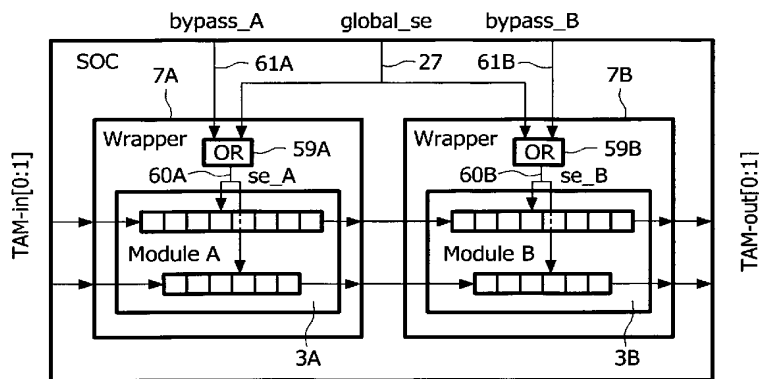
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(54) Title: TEST ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD



(57) Abstract: A test access architecture comprises first and second modules 3A and 3B connected to a test access mechanism. Test stimulus data is shifted into a first module 3A, and test response data captured in response to a global scan enable signal 27 being activated. Each module comprises a control circuit 59A, 59B, for example an OR gate, for controlling whether or not the global scan enable signal 27 is passed to its respective module. The control circuits 59A, 59B are controlled by a dedicated bypass signal 61 A, 61 B, respectively. The dedicated bypass signals 61 A, 61 B act as control signals for controlling whether or not the local scan enable signals 60A and 60B mirror the global scan enable signal 27. This enables the global scan enable signal 27 to be kept high for one or more particular modules that are not being tested, by maintaining the dedicated bypass signal 61A or 61B high for those particular modules, such that they are placed in a transport mode of operation. The invention allows test pattern data to be processed in a pipelined manner, such that modules located prior to the module being tested contain the next set of test stimulus data from a series of test stimulus data, and modules located after the module to be tested contain test response data from previous tests.

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